

## WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of Wick parish Council, held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016, in Wick Club at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillor D Scott Councillor A Smart  
Councillor J Williams Clerk L Yapp

**1914 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Councillor L Raymer and County Councillor A Hardman

**1915 ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Councillor D Scott was nominated and accepted the chair, proposed Councillor Williams, seconded Councillor Smart. Councillor Raymer was nominated as vice chair, proposed by the chairman, seconded Councillor Smart.

**CO-OPTION** – Two applications had been received for the vacancy and Rosemary Kings was chosen. The clerk would write to the other applicant thanking her for her interest, and to advise that the parish council are taking steps to try and increase its size. *See 1918 below*

**1916 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None were declared

### **1917 MATTERS ARISING**

- Waylands Trees - Councillor Smart had reported that some tidying up had been carried out on trees at Waylands. Following a recent request that the wire tree guards be removed, it was agreed that this was not practical, and would be left as they are for the time being.
- Wick House Close Trees – it was agreed that replacement trees/shrubs be put on hold for the time being, to ensure that the ground is completely clear of any remaining signs of the Honey Fungus before any re-planting takes place.
- Waylands, Disabled Access – County Councillor had given the parish council £1350 from his members budget towards the cost of replacing the existing gates with a ‘mobile scooter’ friendly alternative. It was discussed that New Homes Bonus could be used to make up any shortfall (*we currently have £3,938 available*). Councillor Smart is liaising with Fiona Argyll (CC Footpaths Officer) and the landowner.
- Pershore Bridge – It had been reported that part of the old Pershore Bridge appeared to be leaning. This has been reported to CC, who have advised they are monitoring the situation, but at the moment there are no concerns.
- Broadband Update – Councillor Williams advised that she had had a very informative meeting, together with Councillor Raymer and a representative from BT, to try and improve Broadband speeds for Wick. An interest has been registered with BT for an improved service. Residents are reminded that they could be paying for a ‘super’ service but not actually receiving it. They should make enquiries with their internet provider.

**1918 TO CONSIDER INCREASING SIZE OF PARISH COUNCIL** – The clerk informed the parish council that it was possible to increase its size to possibly 7 councillors. Those present had not been aware that this was an option. Lengthy discussion took place, and it was agreed we ask Wychavon District Council to move forward with the process. It was considered that Wick would benefit from a larger parish council, especially as with only 5 members, it was quite common to have just 3 councillors in attendance

**1919 FLOOD ALLEVIATION COMMITTEE REPORT** – Councillor Smart had met with a representative from Highways, with regard the flooding in Main Street. There are both long and short terms options which

require further investigation. Concerns had been raised by householders who had purchased various flood defences for their properties. Some appeared to be sub-standard and poor quality.

**1920 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT** – Councillor Raymer continues to keep those on the email distribution list informed.

**1921 PLAYGROUND REPORT** - nothing to report. It was suggested that the new parish councillor would take on the playground representative role

### **1922 FINANCE**

a) Annual Return – Governance Statement – these were approved by the Parish Council and no issues raised

b) Approval of the Annual Return - this was approved by the Parish Council

c) Payments approved since last meeting:

L Yapp Salary April	£173.80
Smart Cut	£162.78
Play Safety	£92.40
Zurich Insurance	£768.25
L Yapp Salary May	£173.80
Smart Cut	£457.33 <i>to transfer Recreation Area cutting costs from P/G to PC A/C</i>
S Gwilliam	£176.00

The clerk is to meet with Mr Raymer with a view to creating a simple sheets for the parish council accounts. The clerk is to check accounts to ensure that the Playground Account has been financing the grass cutting in the recreation area, and the parish council has been financing the verges.

**1923 PLANNING REPORT** - Nothing to report

**1924 FOOTPATH OFFICER** – Nothing to report

### **1925 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The clerk was asked to ask Adrian Hardman if there was any likelihood of the footways in Main Street being re-surfaced. To refer to previous minutes regarding discussions. Also Wick House Close footways are in a poor state.
- Village Website – Enquiries had been made as to whether there was any interest in a village website. Response from village organisations had been poor. It was suggested that a note be placed in the parish magazine to seek interest.
- Welcome Pack – it was suggested that a ‘welcome pack’ be made available to new residents, detailing village clubs and organisations, bus times and any other useful information
- Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – It is hoped to arrange a special church service and ‘shared lunch’ for residents to commemorate the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Signs – It was agreed that simple pictorial signs pointing out that ‘No Glass Beyond This Point’ and ‘Dogs Prohibited’ be placed at the entrance to the Recreation Ground

**1926 FUTURE MEETING DATES:** All to start at 7.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March (to Include Annual Parish Meeting)

